

Remarks:

Claims 1-15 and 17 are pending in the present application and have been rejected.

The specification is objected to for a typographical error on page 11 at line 32, where the term "A" is described as " $-N^5R^6$." This has been corrected to read " $-NR^5R^6$." No new matter is added. The term A is defined in this manner at page 14, line 14, as well as in original claim 11. Furthermore, a skilled artisan would have easily appreciated the mistake and the intended structure due to the definition of R^5 and R^6 immediately following and its description as a primary or secondary amine. Applicants request entry of the requested amendment and withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claim 1 is objected to as containing informalities. Applicants have amended claim 1 according to the Office's suggestion and request withdrawal of the objection to claim 1.

Claims 1-15 and 17 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for recitation of a "radical derived from a primary or secondary amine or NH_2 ." Applicants have amended the definition of the term "A" in claim 1 by incorporating the structural definition of claim 10 into claim 1. Claim 10 is canceled herein as redundant in view of the changes to claim 1. Claim 11 is amended to now depend on claim 1. Applicants submit that this amendment overcomes the rejection of the claims and request its withdrawal.

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and allowance of all claims presented here.

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